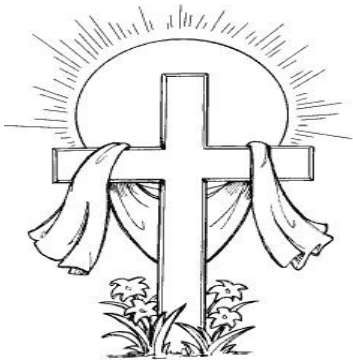




St. Colman's Parish

19th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8th/9th August 2026

For Elizabeth Blackwell, "walking on water" meant something entirely different. Elizabeth Blackwell was born in Bristol, England, in 1821 and later moved with her family to the United States. As a young woman she worked as a teacher, but she felt called to become a doctor. In the 1840s, however, medical schools were open only to men. She faced rejection after rejection. Eventually, Geneva College of Medicine in New York admitted her after the students voted to accept her, believing it to be a joke. Yet Elizabeth persevered. She endured ridicule from fellow students, exclusion from classes, and isolation from her peers. Refusing to be discouraged, she graduated in 1849 at the top of her class. When hospitals would not allow her to practise medicine, she opened her own hospital and later founded a medical school to train women doctors.

Elizabeth Blackwell courageously stepped out of the boat and walked on the stormy waters of prejudice, discrimination, and opposition. She succeeded because she stayed focused on her goal and refused to allow fear or rejection to define her future.

In today's Gospel, Peter also steps out of the boat. At Jesus' invitation, he walks on the water towards the Lord. For a few moments, the impossible becomes possible. But then Peter notices the strength of the wind and the violence of the waves. Fear takes over. His eyes shift from Jesus to the storm, and he begins to sink. In desperation he cries out, "Lord, save me!" Instantly Jesus reaches out his hand, catches him, and gently says, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter's story is our story. We all face storms. They may be worries about our health, concerns about our families, financial pressures, grief, loneliness, uncertainty about the future, or the challenges of living our faith in an increasingly secular world. Like Peter, we often begin with courage and trust, but then we focus on the waves around us rather than on Christ who walks beside us.

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All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com or churchmediatv.ie. The webcam in Milltown and Listry church captures images of individuals who sit in the first two seats of the church. Please sit in another part of the Church if you do not wish your image to be broadcast in this way.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug 10 th			No Mass.
Tues. Aug 11 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Tony O’ Shea (3 rd Anniversary) Lahard. Francis Ladden (2 nd Anniversary) & his son, Francis Ladden (8 th Anniversary) Kilderry.
Wed. Aug 12 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	The people of the Parish.
Thurs. Aug 13 th			No Mass.
Fri. Aug 14 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Jackie Flynn (13 th Anniversary) Dora Flynn (7 th Anniversary) & Baby John Paul Flynn & all the deceased members of the Flynn family, Rockfield & Castlemaine.
Sat. Aug 15 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Sat. Aug 15 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Breda Bowler (16 th Anniversary) Mary Bowler (3 rd Anniversary) & Donie Bowler (3 rd Anniversary) Rockfield.
Sun. Aug 16 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Ann Clifford (19 th Anniversary) Elaine Clifford (5 th Anniversary) Padraig Clifford (4 th Anniversary) & all the deceased members of the Clifford Family, Callinafercy Store.

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday August 15th Bridie Murphy
Milltown Sunday August 16th Dorothy Casey & Fionnula O’ Leary

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday August 15th Anthony Clifford
Milltown Sunday August 16th Majella O’ Sullivan

August Offertory Collector: **Tony O' Leary**

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell | **8th August – 21st August**

Sunday Refreshments: There will be no Sunday refreshments after Mass today, as the Parish BBQ will be held instead on **Sunday, 23rd August**, immediately after Mass.

Volunteers Needed for Annual Parish Draw: Our **Annual Parish Draw** will take place on **Monday 14th December**, and we are looking for additional volunteers to join our existing team in helping with the distribution of draw tickets throughout the parish.

This fundraiser is an important source of support for parish activities, and your help would be greatly appreciated. Even a small amount of your time can make a big difference.

If you are willing to help with ticket distribution, please contact the Parish Office on **Tel: 066 9767312** or **Text 0871772019** or **Email:**

milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie

Killarney Alzheimer Café: The **Killarney Alzheimer Café** offers a warm, welcoming, and supportive environment for people living with dementia or cognitive impairment, their families, carers, friends, and healthcare professionals. The next meeting is **Wednesday, 19th August 2026 | 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.**

Recovery Haven Celebration of Light Ceremony: Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House warmly invites you to attend the Celebration of Light Ceremony on Friday, 14th August at 6.30pm at Tralee Bay Wetlands.

Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Coach leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at **7.00am on Saturday August 22nd**, cost is €25 pp, Places are limited. Please Contact Sheila at the Killarney Parish Office to register with payment in person to secure the booking.

Legion Of Mary: Following the recent Information meeting held by the legion of Mary in the parish meeting room, it was agreed that a new branch of the organisation could begin on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 p.m. in the parish meeting room again. This date is the Feast celebrating Our Lady's birthday and it is also the 105th anniversary of the original founding of the Legion of Mary in Dublin. We hope that you will all come along to celebrate and we look forward to meeting you.

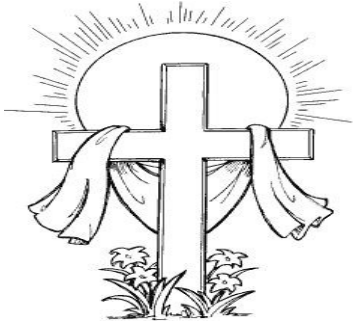
Offertory Collection | 1st/2nd August:

€1005.00

July Special Collection | Sick and Retired Priests:

€845.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



The good news of this Gospel is not that Peter walks on water. The good news is that when Peter sinks, Jesus is there. Peter's faith may have faltered, but Christ's love did not. The hand of Jesus was reaching out before Peter even cried for help.

Faith does not mean never being afraid. Faith means trusting that Jesus is stronger than whatever causes our fear. It means believing that even when the waves are high and the wind is against us, we are never abandoned. The Lord who called Peter from the boat is the same Lord who calls us today to step beyond our comfort zones, to take risks for the Gospel, to persevere through difficulties, and to trust Him when the way ahead is uncertain.

Perhaps this week we can ask ourselves: What storm am I facing? What fear is preventing me from taking the next step? Where is Jesus inviting me to trust Him more deeply? If we keep our eyes fixed on Him, we may discover, like Elizabeth Blackwell and like Peter, that with God's help we can do far more than we ever imagined.

And when our faith falters, as it sometimes will, may we remember Peter's simple prayer: "**Lord, save me!**" For the hand of Christ is never far away, always ready to lift us up and lead us safely through the storm. Amen.

Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Weekend
Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in
Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.
Confessions - Friday – Milltown: 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.
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